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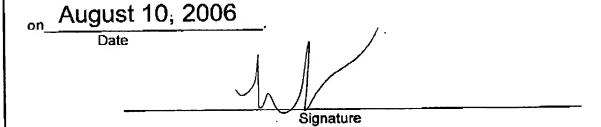
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Dear Examiner George,

Applicants request a status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants have not received a substantive communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office since the application was filed on January 2, 2004.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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